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THE REVOLUTION.	THE REVOLUTION.	RUSSIA AND PERSIA.	HOME RULE.	AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.	TURKISH CABINET.	ITALY'S REVENUE.
EFFECT OF TANG'S RESIGNATION.	INVITATION FOR YUAN.	PERTURBED CABINET.	TIM HEALY'S FEARS.	PREMIER'S APPEAL.	STORMY SITTING.	A BIG INCREASE.
[Service To The "Telegraph."] Bombay, Jan. 5, 1.15 a.m. Router's correspondent at Shanghai says that it is feared that, owing to the resignation of Tang Shao-yi, the Imperial delegate at the Peace Conference, because his complaint attitude during the peace negotiations was disapproved at Peking, a continuation of the Conference will be impossible.—Reuter.	Dr. Wu Ting-fang has sent a message asking Yuan Shih-kai to leave Peking and come to Shanghai to negotiate for peace. THE PREMIER'S RESIGNATION. H.E. Yuan Shih-kai has again tendered his resignation to the Manchu Government, which has refused to accept it. IMPORTANT WORK. Dr. Wu Ting-fang has decided on a new design for the coronation dress of persons holding government positions. EXTENSION WANTED. H.E. Yuan Shih-kai has declined to ask for a further extension of the armistice by 15 days.—"Shan Po." NEW CABINET FORMED. The new Cabinet of the Republic Government has been formed and the following are the officials appointed:—Wong Hing, Minister for War; Chang Chok-pan, Vice-minister for War; Wong Tsung-ying, Minister for Marine; Tong Heung-ming, Vice-minister for Marine; Dr. Wu Ting-fang, Minister for Justice; Lu Chih-yeo, Vice-minister for Justice; Chan Kam-tao, Minister for Finance; Wong Hung-yau, Vice-minister for Finance; Wong Tsung-wai, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Ngai Shan-cho, Vice-minister for Foreign Affairs; Ching Tak-chuen, Minister for Home Affairs; Ku Ching, Vice-minister for Home Affairs; Tsai Yuan-pui, Minister for Education; King Yiu-yuet, Vice-minister for Education; Chang Hin, Minister for Agriculture; Mah Kwan-mo, Vice-minister for Agriculture; Tong Shau-chim, Minister for Communications; Yu Yan-yam, Vice-minister for Communications. Li Yuan-hong has been appointed Vice-President of the Republic by the delegates of the various provinces.—"Sheng Po."	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Via Durban, Jan. 4, 9.20 a.m. A message from Router's correspondent at Teheran states that the execution of Sikatol Islam, who was a high ecclesiastic, has perturbed the Cabinet, the members of which are apprehensive as to the effect it will have on the people.—Reuter. DEEP RESENTMENT. Bombay, Jan. 5, 1.15 a.m. Router's Teheran correspondent says that the executions of Sikatol Islam and other ecclesiastics at Tabriz is particularly resented because the Russians selected for the executions the most solemn of Persian holidays.—Reuter.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Jan. 5, 7.45 a.m. Mr. T. M. Healy, speaking at Mallow, said he was most anxious about the financial clauses of the Home Rule Bill. If the Government withheld the means to develop industry and commerce, and kept the ten millions taxes raised in Ireland in their own pockets, then the Bill would be a mockery and a delusion. He did not believe that Home Rule would pass before the General Election, and he greatly feared that the prejudices of the English people would then be powerfully excited in connection with unpopular measures like the Insurance Act. More recent bye-elections did not form a hopeful augury.—Reuter. BOXING. JOHNSON AND MCVEA. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Via Durban, Jan. 4, 9.20 a.m. Router's Sydney correspondent wires that it has been arranged that Johnson and McVea will fight at Paris on the night of the Grand Prix. SHIPPING COMBINE. N. Z. AMALGAMATION. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Via Durban, Jan. 4, 9.20 a.m. It is announced that the New Zealand Shipping Company has amalgamated with the Federal Steam Navigation Company.—Reuter.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Durban, Jan. 4, 9 p.m. Router's correspondent at Adelaide says that the Premier, before dissolving Parliament, appealed to the Colonial Office to amend the constitution in order to prevent the Council from thwarting the will of the people. The reply was to the effect that intervention in the internal affairs of a self-governing colony was unjustifiable until every constitution means had been exhausted. The crisis is due to the Government tacking to the Appropriation Bill a vote for the establishment of State brickworks.—Reuter. KHARTUM CATHEDRAL. THE CONSECRATION. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Durban, Jan. 4, 9 p.m. The Bishop of London has left for Khartum to consecrate the cathedral there.—Reuter. HOLLAND'S QUEEN. INTERESTING RUMOUR. [Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Jan. 5, 7.45 a.m. The absence of Queen Wilhelmina from the New Year's Ball at the Hague has been much commented upon. A report of a gratifying nature respecting the cause of her absence remains unconfirmed.—Reuter.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Via Durban, Jan. 4, 9.20 a.m. Router's correspondent at Constantinople reports that the new Cabinet has met in the Chamber, and the sitting was a stormy one. The Grand Vizier insisted upon a modification of the constitution, and he was constantly interrupted.—Reuter. ROBBER BESIEGED. Police and Military Kept at Bay. Full accounts are now to hand of the 40 hours' siege sustained recently at Lodz by a notorious robber named Banasiak, who took refuge in the garret of a house and held at bay a large force of police and military. Banasiak, who was with two other men, had been recognised by some detectives in one of the chief streets of the town. The detectives ordered them to hold up their hands. They replied by throwing revolvers and firing at the detectives, who were wounded. They then took to flight, pursued by the detectives, and continuing a more or less random fire, whereby two men, two women, and a boy aged 10 were wounded. A police officer and a policeman tried to stop the fugitives, but without success. The officer had a narrow escape, one of the bullets fired at him piercing his hat. The criminals were seen to run into a house in Zielony-st., which was promptly surrounded by the police. Banasiak's companions escaped in some way or other, for, as it subsequently transpired, Banasiak himself was alone entrapped. He ran up to a garret in the house, and received his pursuers with a hail of bullets. The Chief of Police arrived on the scene and summoned him to surrender. Banasiak replied that he would never be captured and would fight until the end, keeping his last bullet for himself. This was between four and five o'clock in the afternoon. House Riddled with Bullets. Troops were called out, and a regular siege began which lasted 40 hours. The inmates of the house were told what was to occur, and left their homes with whatever valuables they possessed. All traffic in the neighbourhood was suspended and cordons were drawn across the street. Banasiak's refuge was riddled with bullets throughout the night, but his own fire never slackened. It was not until after midday next day that there was a long pause of silence in the house, and a policeman volunteered to ascertain whether the criminals were dead. (It was wrongly believed that all the men were in the house.) The policeman	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Via Durban, Jan. 4, 3.4 p.m. Router's correspondent at Rome states that the principal sources of revenue for the last six months of 1911 show an increase of 30,625,000 lire. The "Tribuna" remarks that the financial resources of Italy are capable of withstanding every adverse occurrence in a marvellous way.—Reuter.
TROOPS LEAVE HONGKONG FOR CANTON.						
Bombay, Jan. 5, 1.15 a.m. Router's correspondent at Hongkong states that a detachment of the 120th Baluchis and some members of the Royal Artillery, with guns and ammunition, are proceeding to Canton.—Reuter.						
IMPERIAL RESIDENCE.						
Via Bombay, Jan. 4, 2.45 p.m. Router's correspondent at Harbin states that the commander of the troops at Zhihki has received one hundred thousand taels to prepare a residence for the Chinese Emperor and the Royal family.						
MORE IMPERIAL SECESSIONS.						
Shanghai, Jan. 4. The Imperial troops in Leun-chow, in Chihli province, have mutinied and seceded to the Revolutionaries, and have warned the Diplomatic Body at Peking that they will soon invade the Capital. The foreign Ministers are asked to remain neutral.						
PEKING ISOLATED.						
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WHAT THEY THINK

China Mail.

The Building Ordinance.

A common excuse made by those who are too indifferent to the welfare of the community to take any part in public affairs in Hongkong is that it is useless to contend against an official majority. The withdrawal of the contentious clauses from the proposed "Ordinance to amend the Ordinance relating to Public Health and Buildings" tend to show that such an argument is not valid. The clauses in question gave a large discretionary power as to the height of buildings; placed upon authorized architects the responsibility of certifying that the requirements of the Building Ordinance had been carried out, subject to a fine of \$25 to be imposed by the Building Authority if it was found that such certificate had been given in error; and imposed a fine of \$250 on any property owner who might think good to change his architect as well as his plans. These clauses were strenuously opposed by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock in Council, and his opposition was backed by a letter published in the press and signed by the three leading firms of architects practising in the Colony. The opposition had the desired effect, for the objectionable clauses were withdrawn at the last meeting of Council, and the Colony is to be congratulated on the withdrawal of provisions which appear to have been framed in the interests of officials rather than for the benefit of the community.

Daily Press.

A Serious Menace.

We observe by the latest mail papers that all the railway companies recently had under consideration a proposal to increase passenger fares from January 1 to the extent of from 5 to 12.12 per cent. on week-end fares, excursion, commercial, travellers tickets, etc., but not on ordinary fares. Sir Thomas Sutherland mentioned that the Port Trust of London had shown an example (to the shipping companies presumably) by raising its charge against all ships by a considerable amount. In all these industrial disturbances which result in increased pay to the men or a shortening of the hours of labour, the consequence must be a rise in the cost of the products manufactured. Thus in the end the higher wages obtained will not, under the new conditions, have a greater purchasing power than the smaller wages paid when commodities were cheaper. The standard of living is constantly rising, and since cheapness is an important factor in trade competition, the rising cost of manufactured articles in Great Britain must tend to seriously menace her commercial supremacy.

South China Morning Post.

Military Governors.

It certainly looks as though, for some reason unconfessed, there is a resolve to reserve Colonial Governorships for soldiers. We have previously dealt with the reply made officially in the House of Commons to the question arising out of the appointment of Major Chancellor to Mauritius. The Government was asked to say if there were no men in the Civil Service qualified and competent to discharge the duties of the office. The answer was an adroit evasion—an assurance that Major Chancellor was regarded as a suitable person for the position. Then came the supplementary pronouncement from Mr. Balfour that it must be understood a Governorship lay quite outside the ordinary course of promotion in the Colonial service. This, we strongly submit, is not only a distinct injustice to the general body of civil servants in Great Britain; it is also a direct reflection on their capabilities.

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INDEPENDENCE—OR THE OTHER THING.

"Little Women" is scarcely of the type of work to be quoted in a discussion on social or political questions, but it sometimes happens that a thought is better expressed in unpretentious volumes of this character than in weighty tomes devoted to social science. In "Little Women" occurs this:—"You can go through the world with your elbows out and your nose in the air and call it independence, if you like. That is not my way." There is much talk of independence in China at present, and the echo in this Colony threatens to become deafening. Independence in the abstract is a fine thing. It means properly the absence of subordination to others—and is, therefore, entirely impossible of attainment to mortal man. No individual organization or nation is entirely independent, nor is such a condition possible in modern conditions. Inter-dependence is the word that properly expresses the relationship of individuals, organizations and nations.

The Chinese, and particularly a section of the Chinese in this Colony, mistake the meaning of the word independence as it is used in the West and in America. Its employment there connotes a certain liberty of action and conscience, always subordinated, however, to the common weal. Independence, as misunderstood by the section in Hongkong to which we have alluded, means the right of defying recognised authority, of refusing duty and of disobeying orders. Independence is not thought by them to confer the freedom to do right, but the justification for doing wrong. It is a regrettable fact that the strong wine of republicanism has gone to the heads of some of the Chinese and they are committing acts of foolishness, to use no stronger term, for which they will be profoundly sorry when they are in that unhappy state for which Byron prescribes hook and soda-water. Certain it is that Chinese employees in Hongkong who had previously been good and obedient servants, have of late developed a spirit of unrest which manifests itself in a number of objectionable ways.

This paper has been consistently sympathetic with any legitimate political ambitions of the Chinese people, and it has never suggested that the Chinese in Hongkong should be debarred from showing their political predilections in a legal manner. But it has repeatedly urged that the strongest measures should be taken to check the development of a spirit of insubordination and defiance to constituted authority which has unpleasantly manifested itself during the past few months. It is evident to those who know their Hongkong that the spirit is still rampant and we again express our belief that the most drastic measures to end it should be employed. The Government now possesses thoroughly adequate powers; it should put them to use and so prevent the spread of a disease, which will become the more difficult of treatment the longer it is allowed to develop.

DAY BY DAY

Lots of men are getting along in years who don't seem to be getting along in any other direction.

The French Mail of December 5 was delivered in London on Jan. 4.

We have received from the Vacuum Oil Company an extremely attractive wall calendar.

There are four vacancies in St. John's Cathedral Choir for two sopranos, and a tenor and bass.

The dead body of a male child was picked up this morning on the steps of the Bowring Canal.

The police have succeeded in making two arrests in connection with the recent kidnapping of a twelve-year-old boy.

A case of snatching came before Mr. Irving at the Magistrate's this morning, and a sentence of six weeks imprisonment and twenty-four strokes of the cat was passed.

During the absence of the Rev. C. Bone, from Jan. 8 to 18, the duties of Officiating Clergyman to the Wesleyan Troops will be undertaken by the Rev. C. H. Hickling, whose address is Unionist Church, Kennedy Road, Hongkong.

Messrs. Sherman, Thomas & Co., General Managers of the Philippines Steamship Co., announce in their advertising columns special reduced fares between Hongkong and Manila in connection with the Manila Carnival, which is to be held between Feb. 3 and 12.

The following team will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their match with the R. G. A. to-morrow afternoon:—J. Clarke; J. McCubbin and E. W. Campbell; H. W. Moon, R. C. Barlow, and G. Wilkie; W. Hadley, W. A. Wilson, J. A. Danton. Kick-off at 4 p.m. prompt.

It has been suggested that the services in the Cathedral on Sunday, January 21, should have special reference to the Medical Congress which will have been opened the previous day. Special seats will be reserved for members of the Congress and the preachers will be:—Matins, the Bishop of Victoria, and evening, the Rev. G. H. Hewatson, chaplain H.M.S. Minotaur.

The new training college at Shek pi, five miles from Canton, is now nearly completed. The Pan-Anglican grant provided the money for the erection of this handsome building. The Rev. G. A. Bunbury is the principal and he expects to move his students and boys into their new quarters at the end of this month. The Bishop of Victoria is to perform the dedication ceremony on Tuesday, January 30.

Langkats.

We understand that the rise in Langkats to-day is in consequence of the daily output being reported to be 500 tons.

Stock Exchange Quotations.
The following were the quotations on the Stock Exchange to-day:—Banks 87½ b., Unions 8½ b., China Fires 130 b., Macao Steamboats 28 b., China Sugars 105 b., Luzons 34, 1-2 a., Doeks 55.1-2 b., Langkats 75 b.

Police Stoned.

It is stated that another attack upon the police was made by the Chinese rowdy element to-day. A policeman was stoned, when dispersing a crowd at the Harbour Office, but help arriving calm was soon restored.

Left Without Notice.
A former billiard-boy in the employ of Mr. H. Ruttonjee, of the Royal George Hotel, Kowloon, sued the latter in the Summary Court this morning to recover the sum of \$9 for wages due. The defence was that the plaintiff left without notice and judgment was entered for the defendant with costs.

BURGLARIES IN HONGKONG.

Daring Attempt in Tailoring Establishment.

The Chinese New Year is always heralded by activity on the part of burglars and thieves.

At about five o'clock this morning, a most daring attempt at burglary was carried out at Messrs. Diss Bros' Tailors' establishment in Wyndham Street. It appears that at about that hour, the Indian watchman employed to keep guard over the premises went on his usual beat round the shop and on returning to the main entrance, discovered that someone had fled through the Chubb's lock and entered the store.

The next moment, he saw two men dart out of the door and bolt in different directions. As he feared that more thieves might be inside the store, he did not give chase, but summoned the Police. On entering the shop, everything was found in a topsy-turvy condition. Not far from the door, were found three huge parcels in readiness to be carried away, showing that the burglars had been disturbed at their work. Several hand boxes had been rifled and a large quantity of wrapping paper was utilized in making up the bundles. Curiously enough, the contents of the desk drawer—\$39 in silver and notes—were untouched. Had the thieves succeeded in carrying their plan to a successful conclusion, they would have got away with goods to the value of \$500, including a fur-coat worth \$25 and a large quantity of tweeds, serges, and half-completed suits which would have had to be replaced. As it was, the only article missing is a felt hat.

A report of the occurrence has been made to the Police, who are investigating.

Robbery at "Homeville."

Another report of robbery comes from "Homeville," 153, Vanehai Road. At about three o'clock on Wednesday morning, thieves entered the house and stole the entire wardrobe of one of the European residents to the value of \$500. The thief was more fortunate, as he only lost a silver chain and a felt hat to the total value of \$5. It is surmised that the thief or thieves must have gained access to the house by climbing over a window-sill.

Amoy Merchant Robbed.

A native merchant from Amoy who arrived in the Colony yesterday to settle some accounts with one of the local firms has been robbed of \$700, consisting of banknotes for \$500 and \$200, respectively. The robbery is supposed to be the work of either pickpockets or thieves who stole the money from the Chinese hotel where the merchant has taken up his residence.

A FAMILY BURDEN.

Before the Puisne Judge in the Summary Court this morning, A. San sued Mrs. Marinha to recover the sum of \$13.00 for goods sold and delivered.

Defendant admitted the debt and offered monthly instalments of \$2.

Mr. Dennis (for the plaintiff)—I don't know what defendant's means are, but \$2 seems rather small.

In answer to his Lordship, defendant said that she had six children.

His Lordship—Six children seem rather a burden these days. What is the claim for? Necessaries or finery?

Mr. Dennis—Necessaries. It is for provisions supplied.

His Lordship—I can't find out what her means really are with out making a long inquiry.

Mr. Dennis—I accept \$2 a month.

An order was accordingly made, with leave to apply.

According to this month's "Church Notes" the church body, in connection with St. John's Cathedral, do not see their way clear to appoint a successor to the Rev. A. B. Thornhill who left Hongkong on Jan. 3. They have, however, placed a sum of money in the hands of the Bishop for the provision of Sunday assistance for the chaplain during the next few months. This departure is the result of the necessity felt for the reduction of Church expenses.

ASSAULT ON BOARD SHIP.

Attacked with a Cleaver.

This morning at the Marine Court, a peculiar tale of an unprovoked assault, by Chinese cooks, hailing from Shanghai, on the first officer of the s.s. Hutchow was unfolded. Commander Beckwith had the two men before him on a charge of assaulting Archibald-Taylor Allen, on Dec. 23. Both defendants pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutor said that at about 3.30 p.m. on the day in question, he emerged from the saloon into the starboard alley-way. The saloon was next door to the cook's galley and at the door of the galley, one of the defendants was standing, impeding the prosecutor's passage. He tapped the cook on the shoulder and told him to make room, but he simply turned round, called the officer a "sirapo," and after indulging in further insolence, wound up by spitting in his face.

Attacked from Behind.

Witness with his open hand pushed the man back into the galley, whereupon he seized a cleaver and made for him with it. Prosecutor managed to grasp and hold on to the man's wrists, but the second defendant approached him from behind and hit him over the back of the head with a heavy wooden potato-masher. Getting away, prosecutor took a small club from the second officer's cabin, and returning to the galley gave them the alternative of going ashore or being handed over to the police. They refused to leave the ship and openly defied him, calling him a "—-foot chief officer." He gave them half an hour to make up their minds, and as they did not go, he hoisted the police flag, and subsequently handed the two men into custody.

The Magistrate—How long have they been in the ship?—I have only been there five months. They were peaceable?—No. They have given considerable trouble to other people on the ship. Most insolent they have been.

Corroborative evidence was given by the second engineer, who witnessed the occurrence.

The Defendants' Story.

Asked what he had got to say, the first defendant alleged that the trouble arose through the prosecutor kicking him. Nor did he get the chopper. It was the chief officer, he alleged, who took hold of the weapon and then said: "I will report you; you were trying to cut me."

The Magistrate—What has the second defendant got to say? Will he say the prosecutor seized the potato-masher and hit him off on the head with it?

The second defendant denied striking the chief officer at all. The prosecutor gave the masher to the police when they came. He, defendant, did not touch it at all.

Did the chief officer hit himself with it?—No. He did not strike himself, but told the police that I did.

Regrettable Limitation.

Commander Beckwith:—This is a very serious offence against good order and discipline. I order them to be imprisoned with hard labour for 10 weeks and to pay a sum not exceeding \$3 towards their maintenance in prison. It is a serious charge and I wish I could give more.

Tell them, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to give them more, but I cannot do it.

Madame Humbert, who in 1903 was, with her husband, sentenced to five years' imprisonment for fraud and swindling, has become demented on the question of wealth and has been placed in a lunatic asylum.

The Aero Club has been notified that the International Aerial Federation has awarded the prize for the disputed race around the Statue of Liberty to Mr. Grinnall White. The Aero Club had previously declared M. Moir to be the winner of the prize.

BRITISH TROOPS FOR CANTON.

Baluchis and Artillery Despatched.

Yesterday afternoon a further detachment of troops left Hongkong for Canton by the s.s. Kinshan. We understand that the despatch of these troops is not in view of any anticipated developments in this quarter, but was decided upon mainly for the purpose of relieving the force which has for some time past been stationed at Shumoen. The entry and other duties must have been very heavy for such a small detachment. The detachment would seem to have been made up, as to numbers, for the proper performance of the various duties expected of it; and should, we venture to think, have been much larger in the first instance.

The force which left last night consisted of a double company of the Baluchis (one hundred and fifty men) with two fifteen pounders, and a detachment of twenty-eight artillerymen. Major Paul, who is in command, will act under instructions from Admiral Winsham, who is at present up the Yangtze.

In regard to the news given above it will be remarked that the main fact is given in one of the Reuter's Agency telegrams published elsewhere. In this connection it may not be out of place to mention that this news was known in this office during the morning of yesterday, and would in the ordinary course have been published in our issue of last night.

Though the news was in type, for reasons political and diplomatic we withheld it, but all to no purpose as we learn this morning through Reuter that it has been published throughout the world. If news of this character is to be wired without restriction by a representative of a news agency, there is but little or no merit in the withholding of such news by the local press. We may, however, be entirely wrong in our impression in regard to the importance, or even the advisability of withholding such news, which, in our opinion, may have political significance. If this latter view be the correct one we will in future govern our news columns accordingly. [Ed.]

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

Prince Abducts Princess.

Paris, Nov. 27.

An abduction took place in the Avenue du Trocadero the other day which was at first supposed to be one of those fantastic bids for free advertising not unfrequently in Paris. Investigation proves the affair to be of more than usual importance. It was the successful attempt of Prince Louis of Monaco to obtain possession of his daughter.

For some years the Prince's father, Prince Albert of Monaco, has objected to the way that his granddaughter was being brought up and finally succeeded in having her placed in the home of a friend of his, a Mme. Kohn in the Avenue du Trocadero. Two governesses were provided for her and her father was only allowed to visit her at stated intervals and in the presence of a third person.

Recently Prince Louis learned that these governesses were indulging in his daughter's mind sentiments hostile to her father. After some deliberation he decided to hire a motor car and at noon presented himself with two friends at the Avenue du Trocadero house and demanded his daughter from her governesses. He is said to have used force; at any rate, when he carried the girl out to the car they followed and were only induced to alight when the car reached the Bois de Boulogne. From there the Prince and his daughter were driven to a nursing home in the Rue Piccini, where the Princess was placed in charge of a physician, as she was found to be suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Her grandfather, who is on his yacht somewhere in the Eastern Mediterranean, has not yet been heard from in regard to the matter.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Finance and Revolution.

The cause of the revolution in China has been variously explained. Generally hatred of the Manchu dynasty has been assigned as the main reason for the upheaval. The "World's Work," however, thinks that this explanation is erroneous and that the occasion of the uprising was "the recent loan forced on the Chinese Government by Great Britain, France, Germany and the United States." The article in question goes on to say this "Dollar Diplomacy," as it calls it, has not worked out well, has in fact brought no trade, returned no interest to the financial bodies concerned, and has not won for the United States any right to participate in the reforms to be carried out in China. The "World's Work" assigns as another cause the failure of the Peking Government immediately to terminate the opium trade. We hardly think that this is a very adequate presentation of the facts. Were the revolution caused by the action of the Peking Government in borrowing money from the four Powers we would naturally find the revolutionary leaders denouncing foreign financial assistance. The exact contrary has been the case. The revolutionary leaders have proclaimed themselves in favour of opening up the country by foreign loans. If the failure of the Peking Government to terminate the opium trade were one of the causes of the revolution the fact has been kept very secret. As far as we can recollect only the most casual reference to the opium question has been made by the revolutionary leaders. On the whole we are inclined to believe that the causes are not those that are superficially apparent to observers at a distance.

Wigs on the Green.
That would appear to have been a nice bit of a shindy at the camp on Longmoor—more properly Longmuir. The commandant is said to have described it, somewhat euphemistically, as a "rag." But that is a mild, almost gentlemanly, term to employ in describing a scrap where bits of bedsteads and hammers and shovels, to say nothing of bayonets and other delicate weapons, are freely employed. No one can blame the commandant for trying to make the affair appear as light as possible, but "rag" will not do. Yesterday's story had a fine, romantic touch about the affair being quelled after single combat between a picked officer and a picked man. A fine, blood-splashing, heroic touch there. The challenge, the acceptance, breathless stillness during the struggle, and the men receiving the overthrow of their champion as defeat of themselves—one saw it all. And it was not true! The affair is more prosaic. Scotsmen and Yorkshiresmen down both—quarrelling over a football result. Excitable Welshmen joining the men from the big country, and Irishmen lending the Scots a hand, with a witless out of their joy of head-wrecking, no doubt. A free fight, you may call it; wigs on the green if you wish; but a "rag" hardly meets the case.

A Novel View.
The recent trouble with the suffragists makes this story timely. It is told by Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin when interviewed on the question the other day. A New England farm's wife was busily occupied about her day's "chores"—hurrying from plumb to sink, from sink to shed, and from shed to kitchen stove—when she was interrupted by a canvasser who wanted to know whether she approved of women's suffrage and wished to vote. "No, I certainly do not," she replied, with a vigorous movement of the plumb downer. "Easy if there is any one little thing that the men folks can do alone for goodness sake let 'em do it."

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TROUBLE AT THE HONG-KONG CLUB.

As reported briefly last night, yesterday afternoon at the Magistracy before Mr. E. A. Irving, five boys of the Hong-Kong Club, appeared on a charge of refusing to obey the lawful orders of their employers.

Mr. W. Looker (Messrs. Hanson, Looker & Dawson) appeared to prosecute and at the outset said that the charge was brought under section 16 of Ordinance 45, 1905, under which the penalty inflicted could be \$50 fine or six months' imprisonment, with or without hard labour. Especially at this period, when China was going through, it was essential that Chinese servants in the Colony should have brought home to them that it was not for them to dictate to the masters, but for the masters to give directions which they should obey.

Some short time ago the Club boys cut off their queues, and the committee of the Hong-Kong Club decided that this necessitated a change in the costume of the boys, and it was decided to get a short waistcoat for them. The committee went to Shanghai for their pattern, which was the same as that of the boys in the Shanghai Club, and he, Mr. Looker, believed similar to that used by the boys at the Astor House. They showed it to the boys and told them that was what they were going to get for them. They made no objection until recently. The coats were made and they were to have been put on on Jan. 1. Just before the time arrived the committee learned that there might be trouble over the matter. The committee thereupon called the boys together and asked them if they had any objection to wearing the coat. Some objections were mentioned and the committee could not talk to all the boys, but asked them to select six of their number. Six, five of whom were the defendants, then met the committee in the dining room.

Mr. Ede, the chairman, explained to them why they were being asked to wear the coat. The first objection was as to the shape. The boys said it was not a Chinese shape and had not the buttons put on according to Chinese fashion. Then, they said, it was a white coat and that it was inappropriate to wear white in winter, but was rather for summer wear. It was pointed out to them that the Shanghai boys wore such coats, and the objection was then raised that it was mourning. This was met by the committee pointing out that combined with ordinary attire it was not mourning. They then said they would not wear white jackets but black, as white was inappropriate. Yesterday the boys were taken before the Registrar General, and in the end they wound up by again saying they would not wear white but black. They were then taken to the Club and the boys mustered wearing the jacket and Mr. Ede explained to them that there was no reason why they should not wear the coat and said if they had any objections or wanted any modifications made, they were to approach the committee through a petition which would receive the usual attention. Yesterday morning they were all to wear the coat and as a matter of fact none of them did so. The committee then lodged a complaint and issued warrants as they had reason to believe the boys would decamp.

The same morning a letter was delivered at the Club containing a sheet of paper on which was a rough sketch, purporting to represent a boy with large hands, and Mr. Ede, the chairman, with little hands. At one corner of the paper were the following words, evidently a speech by the boy: "You make chairman what for your hands so small? I am boy, what for my hands so big? Take fried eggs."

Mr. Looker interpreted the drawing to mean that the boys thought that all the power was in the hands of the boys who refused to wear the coat, and not in those of Mr. Ede, the chairman. In conclusion, Mr. Looker said: "It is what we consider one of the serious items of the situation. It is obviously intended to convey to the committee and Mr. Ede that the boys had the right to say what they wanted, because they have the power."

The opening statement was born out in evidence by the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mr. M. Ede.

In reply to a question by Mr. Looker, the Registrar General gave it as his opinion that the order of the committee regarding the change of costume was quite reasonable.

This morning the case was continued before Mr. Irving, and at the commencement the defendants intimated that they wished to withdraw their original plea of not guilty, and plead guilty. On this, Mr. Looker asked His Worship to deal leniently with the boys, and they were bound over in the sum of \$50 each, to come up for judgment if called upon.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Dogs' Home.

To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph:—May I be allowed to acknowledge through your paper the following donations to the Dogs' Home? Dr. J. Bell \$10, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley \$50, Anonymous \$50, Mr. N. J. Stahl \$50, Mrs. F. G. Figg \$10, Mrs. F. D. Stewart \$12, Hon. E. A. Hewitt \$50, S.P.C.A. per Hon. E. A. Hewitt \$100, A Friend \$20; total \$352. It may be remembered that the sum required is \$1,000. Donations may be sent to Mr. F. K. Tata, Queen's Buildings, or to Yours, etc., Charles H. Hickling.

The Manse, 3 Kennedy Road, Jan. 5, 1912.

A TRIP THROUGH MANCHURIA.

Humours of Chinese Life in Tsitsihar.

Leaving the Moscow-Vladivostok railroad at Angangki, after eighteen hours' journey into Manchuria, we turned our backs over to a couple of Chinese, and followed them across a waste of sandy plain to the "Kitsai vogsai" for the light railway which runs up to Tsitsihar. And in that brief half-mile walk we passed as distinctly out of Russia into China as though a magic carpet had borne us in a moment of time from the Novsky Prospekt to the Inner Palace of Peking. Russia had gone.

The little Chinese station was run by the Chinese for the Chinese. The porters were Chinese. The post of the signal-bell tapered off into a beautifully carved dragon's face, a bright blue dragon that snorted flames from its terrible nostrils—crimson tufts of wool at the tip of drooping wings rooted in the nostrils. A Chinaman served out tickets, and we waited five Chinese hours—which is eight—in a Chinese tea-don near by, where we fed upon Chinese viands and drank of Chinese drinks and were exhibited to all the inhabitants of the mad world settlement around the station.

After eight hours, the toyshop train clattered in. Out of the single first-class compartment tumbled a stern old Manchurian who packed much merchandise—a baby, his pretty little wife in a short blue shirt and long pink pyjamas, spangled with snakes and iridescent flowers, and a big blue gramophone horn—on a hooded, tilt-back bullock cart.

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DON'T FORGET.

Saturday, Jan. 6.
First Round Rugby Challenge Cup; Navy v. H. K. F. Club; 4.15 p.m.

Hongkong Association Football League: H. K. F. C. v. R. G. A. Boxing at the City Hall—9 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 8.
Entries close for Hongkong Football Shield.

Wednesday, Jan. 10.
Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 12.30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13.
Variety Entertainment, City Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 16.
Sanitary Board.

Thursday, Jan. 18.
Criminal Sessions.



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On Wednesday afternoon, several heats were decided in connection with the sports to be held to-morrow under the auspices of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment. The following were the successful competitors:—

Tug of War: (Light weights) "C" Company and "F" Co.

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440 Yards Race: Corporal Boulby, Privates Vickers, Slack, King, Goodison, Hedgess, Hill, Dunkeley and Arnold.

The Bayonet Fighting Cup was won by "C" Company.

Enthusiasm runs high in the barracks over the sports and prospects are keenly discussed among the men of the various Companies interested in the events. The programme is a good one, and weather permitting, to-morrow's function should be attended with great success.

Hongkong Cricket League.
The following League table is up to date:—

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
1 Civil Service	7	0	1	—	13
2 Craigengower	4	1	2	14	
3 Kowloon	8	4	3	13	
4 R.G.A.	7	2	2	3	10
5 R.E.	6	2	3	1	7
6 H.K. Police	5	2	3	—	0
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A. HAMILTON,

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For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:

S.S. "Dortmund" .. 18th Jan.

For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. "Sogovia" .. 28th Jan.

For Havre, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. "Silesia" .. 2nd Feb.

For Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg:

S.S. "Sambia" .. 3rd Feb.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. "Saxonia" .. 16th Feb.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO ..	4000	M. O. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	WEDNESDAY, 10th Jan., 4 P.M.
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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tjiluwong	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tjiloroem	JAPAN	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tjibodas	SHANGHAI	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tjipanas	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tjilatjap	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Jan.
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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer Tons Captain Date of sailing

S.S. "Shiyo Maru" .. 21,000 .. H. S. Smith .. Jan. 16th, Noon.

S.S. "Chiyo Maru" .. 21,000 .. W. W. Green .. Feb. 16th, Noon.

S.S. "Tenyo Maru" .. 21,000 .. E. Bent .. Mar. 16th, Noon.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer Tons Date of sailing

Kiyo Maru .. 17,500 .. Tuesday, Feb. 11, Noon.

Buyo Maru .. 10,500 .. Tuesday, April 9, Noon.

Hongkong Maru .. 11,000 .. Friday, June 7, Noon.

The steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched for AMERICA, PERUVIAN and CHILEAN PORTS via MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 11th Feb.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SOERABAYA & PORT SAID	IVOMARU, Capt. R. Takada, T. 7,000 HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Fraser, T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 31st Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OMI, & YOKOHAMA	YAWA MARU, Capt. T. Higawa, T. 7,000 SADO MARU, Capt. R. Sada, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon. TUESDAY, 13th Feb., at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sato, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon. FRIDAY, 14th Feb., at Noon.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	KAMO MARU, Capt. F. Sommer, T. 9,000	THURSDAY, 18th Jan., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ	TOSA MARU, Capt. S. Ito, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 6th Jan.
YASKI KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sato, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ	MIKE MARU, Capt. M. Tabu, T. 4,000	SATURDAY, 6th Jan.

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FOR EUROPE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawara	Feb. 14th.
KAMO MARU	9,000	F. L. Sommer	Feb. 28th.
ARI MARU	7,000	K. Homma	Mar. 13th.
MISHIMA MARU	9,000	A. O. Mores	Mar. 27th.
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mori	May 22nd.

FOR SEATTLE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomioka	Feb. 27th.
TAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 26th.
SANUKI MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	S. Tomioka	April 25th.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomioka	May 21st.

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Manager.

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For	Steamer	To
SHANGHAI	"ANHU" ..	6th Jan. M'night.
SWATOW, AMOY and SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW" ..	7th .. D'light.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KAIFONG" ..	9th .. (P.M.)
TSINGTAI, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"KIUKIANG" ..	9th .. 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"SUNGKIANG" ..	11th .. 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN" ..	11th .. 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN" ..	13th .. M'night.

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The directors of the United Serdang (Sumatra) Rubber Plantations, Limited, in their fourth annual report for the year ended August 31, 1911, state: The crop of rubber harvested on the Company's estates for the year amounted to 218,530 lb., against an estimate of 182,000 lb. After deducting freight, insurance, landing, and all sale charges the average net price realised for the rubber was 5s 0.1-2d. per pound, against an average cost of 1s. 7.3-4d. per pound f.o.b. Belawan. The coffee crop, consisting of Liberian and Robusta coffee, amounted to 3,205 piculs, against an original estimate of 3,000 piculs, and was sold locally at a net average of 72s. 7d. per picul, against a cost of 31s. 5d. per picul. The average number of trees tapped during the year was 111,500, which shows an average yield of 1.95 lb. per tree. The number of trees in tapping at August 31 last was 121,000, and it is estimated that this number will be increased by the end of the current period to about 300,000. During the year an additional area of about 1,081 acres was planted with Para rubber, bringing the total cultivated area up to approximately 8,161 acres. This is exclusive of an area of approximately 201 acres previously under Rambong, and which will be replanted during the current year with Para rubber. The net profit for the year is £43,707, which, with the unappropriated profit brought forward from last year of over £20,200, gives a total of £52,985. The directors recommend the payment of a dividend of 20 per cent. (less income-tax), which amounts to £38,000, leaving a balance of £14,985 to be carried forward.

AN INGENIOUS RUSE.

A well dressed man was hurrying along the Rue de Paris, Paris, when he slipped, and falling forward dashed his elbow through the window of a wine shop. The proprietor rushed out to claim the price of his window and a large crowd gathered to see fair play. The man who had broken the window protested that he had no money. "Search him!" shouted some one in the crowd. There were no policemen about, so the wine-shop keeper and a few friends took the law into their own hands, searched the man's pockets and found a £20 note. The crowd advised the wine-shop keeper to pay himself well for his broken window. He took £2 to pay for his broken glass, and the unpopular man who had broken it went away with a torn coat and £18 change. The £20 note was a forgery.

Dr. Siegel, the well-known bacteriologist, announces that he has discovered the bacilli of foot and mouth disease in cattle. He recently inoculated several animals with the culture of the bacilli and secured, he states, a large degree of immunity.

A note in the "Field" calls attention to some very curious experiments on lobsters and crabs recently carried out in the laboratory of the Northumbrian Sea Fisheries Commission. It appears that fishermen have for long been in the habit of mummifying lobsters. Holding them down in one hand with the back of the lobster resting on some solid substance, they will stroke it gently along the back with the fingers of the other hand. In a minute it becomes quite torpid, and remains so for a considerable, though variable, time.

SHARE REPORT.

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE.	SALE.	BUYERS.
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	487 1/2	480
National Bank	45	410
Marine Insurance	45	418 1/2
China & India	45	414 1/2
Union	45	438 1/2
Yonglao	45	421 1/2
China Fire	45	412 1/2
Hongkong Pines	45	435 1/2
China & India	45	410 1/2
Douglas Steamship	45	421
Stenobates	45	427 1/2
Indo-China	45	460
(Preferred)	45	460
(Deferred)	45	460
"Shell" Trading	45	421 1/2
"Star Ferry"	45	417 1/2
China Sugar	45	4100
Lanka Sugar	45	431 1/2
Chinese Engineering	45	414
Tonghai	45	458 1/2
Ranch	45	438 1/2
DOCKS, WHARVES, & GROUND	45	456 1/2
Kowloon Wharf	45	456 1/2
H. K. & W. P. Dock	45	456 1/2
Shanghai Docks	45	456 1/2
Hongkong Wharf	45	456 1/2
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS	45	456 1/2
Anglo French Lands	45	456 1/2
Hongkong Hotels	45	456 1/2
Hongkong Lands	45	456 1/2
Hongkong Estates	45	456 1/2
Kowloon Lands	45	456 1/2
Shanghai Lands	45	456 1/2
West Point	45	456 1/2
Maui's Hotel	45	456 1/2
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Ewas	45	456 1/2
Hongkong Cottons	45	456 1/2
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China-Borneo	45	456 1/2
Light and Powers	45	456 1/2
Do. (Spec. shares)	45	456 1/2
China Provident	45	456 1/2
Deir Farms	45	456 1/2
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Hongkong Electric	45	456 1/2
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Morning Post	45	456 1/2
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Do. (new)	45	456 1/2
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H. Price & Co., Ltd.	45	456 1/2
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United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	45	456 1/2
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T/T. Japan..... 6 1/2	6 1/2
T/T. India..... 1 1/2	1 1/2
T/T. San Francisco and New York..... 4 1/2	4 1/2
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Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 28th Sept., 1911. [13]

To Sail



The Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PENANG, GAMBIA, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICA PORTS.

THE Steamship

"DEVANHA."

Captain W. R. Hickey, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1912, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Mooltan," 8,500 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Bulk and Valuables, all cargo for France, Tea and Cargo for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the s.s. "Oceanic," due in London on the 17th February, 1912.

Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th Dec., 1911. [4]

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN."

Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 8th inst., at 1 p.m.

The Steamer has superior accommodation for passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified doctor.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (occupying 20 days).

The Steamers leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Kobe (Inland Sea), returning via Moji, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.

Return tickets are available by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Steamers. Fare for round trip £120.

For freight or passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd Jan., 1912. [77]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.

(Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras, and Mauritius.)

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR."

Captain G. F. Hudson, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 12th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th Jan., 1912. [89]

Regular Steamship Service to New York.

via PORTS and SUEZ CANAL (With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

"DACRE" (Sailing on or about 12th Jan. 1912)

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st Dec., 1911. [8]

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-HONGKONG-TIENTSIN LINE.

THE Steamship

"ONSANG."

will sail on or about the 27th Jan., 1912, taking cargo for Tientsin, via Ching-Wang-Tao.

For Freight and Passage apply to THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd Jan., 1912. [78]

A TRIP THROUGH MANCHURIA.

(Continued from Page 5.)

A Chinese Norfolk.

The one miniature German engine that represents the entire locomotive stock of the Tsitsihar railway system had arrived quite dead-boat after its thirty-mile journey. It had to be side-tracked and fed with water and willow logs and coal dust, and then patted and coaxed with oilcans and monkey-wrenches for another hour.

Aboard the train we carried three armed guards—in addition to the gentleman in a flowing pale blue robe of silk, who clipped tickets—for the authorities, though always willing to overlook youth's exuberant excesses without reason, have lately become annoyed at the number of "hold-ups" on that thirty-mile line, and are beginning to take elementary steps to discourage the nuisance. So the three guards—big, loose-limbed Chinese—sat on the alert, swinging their legs over the edge of the end-platforms of the car, each with a glistening, business-like, automatic rifle across his knees, and two full leather cartridge cases, lidless, buckled to the front of his belt.

A curious run up, to Tsitsihar, One might have been on the Norfolk coast near Hunstanton. Green meadows, pretty villages nestling in their grove of trees—now trees, not the eternal pine or the bare white birch left behind in Siberia only a day ago. Brick and neat clay-walled villages, instead of logs and timber. Here and there a naked sandhill. Many broad, brackish pools, shallow and rimmed with salt; duck flurrying up from their sedgebeds and willow scrub, a heron lazily flapping away to the horizon.

Merry and Bright.

There is no Russian hotel, so we lodged with the Celestials in the baiting hostelry of Tar Sin Sin Chan, and fed upon sealings and bamboo sprouts, and various anatomical odds and ends that we at home very properly fling in the dustbin.

The Chinese are a chattering, bright, vivacious people. Their homes and streets may be squallid, but the Chinese live. They are not content with the mere morose existence of cattle, like the Siberian peasant—laughing and breaking into song, joking and petting children and dogs. They do things prettily and gaily. They carve and sculpt, paint their signposts and gates and gables. They eat unsparingly of a host of savoury little dishes, besides such delicacies as do not appeal to an Occidental palate, though much poorer than the Siberian peasant family which earns £2 or £3 a week and lives gloomily on tea and dry bread.

Round the corner into the thronged bazaar came one morning His Exalted Excellency the Governor-General Jow Shoo Mo, of the Province of Tsitsihar, a power in the north of the Chinese Empire, who is entitled to wear the coveted red glass ball on the top of his white lamp-shade hat, whose displeasure can spell summary death to some hundred thousand men.

The Passing of Jow. On ahead travelled a smart little Chinese soldier in khaki and puttees. Then two native mounted police in dark blue canvas, their queues flying behind in the breeze. A four-wheeler—a squat Paddington four-wheeler—with two blue enamel panels, a big glass window in the back, and bright nickel rods for the two bare-footed footmen to cling to—drawn by two unmatched horses, this hybrid state equipage swept swiftly by, giving one just a glimpse of a stern, erect figure within, red tie and peacock-feather dangling from his conical white hat. A mounted soldier brought up the rear.

But if Jow passes swiftly, his passing is far from silent. In fact, he is quite "the big noise," as they say in Chicago, both literally and metaphorically, for there is a loud bell under the state four-wheeler, worked by a footman's pressure on a treadle in the rear. The shops of Tsitsihar are open-fronted. Over sun-baked benches of wicker the glances travel back into dim, elusive interiors, small wooden-latticed windows throwing glittering pencils of light on scraps of rich red and

blue, gilt and green carving, or stacks of odd earthenware and vessels of burnished brass—pencils of light that only emphasise the darkness where old men squat, smoking, by their glowing braziers. The windows of the town are nearly all wooden lattice-work, pasted over with oiled paper. We got a shock in a narrow mud-walled street to the north-east. A coolie had "glazed" his front window with a double peg of betting quotations from the "Sporting Life" for Saturday, August 7, 1907 or 9—I forget which. It was yellow and much splashed with mud, but a bright column of light on racing "form" was still quite legible.—The "Daily Express."

DURBAR FIRES.

The Result of Accident or Carelessness.

The "Advocate of India" of Dec. 6, says:—Two days since we had to record with regret the destruction by fire of some of the most valuable portions of the Camp of Sir Louis Dane, Governor of the North-West Provinces; and now like the present a fire is a most unwelcome and suspicious event. Unwelcome it must be at any time, but now a time when minds are at tension and the occurrence of two fires, one of a very dangerous and the other of a very expensive, nature naturally give rise to feelings of a very uncomfortable sort. It seems to have been cleared up to the satisfaction of the authorities that in both these instances the fires were the result of accident or sheer carelessness, and that there had been "fire-raising" on the occasion. The manufacture of native fireworks, as we all know, is carried on in the crudest manner possible, and with little if any precautions, with the result that accidents do frequently occur, and might occur much oftener than they do, without causing much surprise. The fireworks shed was a rude construction of a temporary kind, filled with explosives of a low order, most probably such as the well-known crackers are made of. The men working in the place are said to have seen a fire and to have cleared out at once, leaving the factory to its fate, which followed a few minutes later in an explosion which did some seven thousand rupees of damage. There is no complete theory of how the fire originated, but the probable explanation is that the sun and the galvanised iron and the heat all had something to do with it. Anyway, the proprietors and workmen, who have suffered from the explosion, utterly repudiate the idea of incendiarism.

The Delhi Tent Disaster.

The shamiana which was destroyed shortly after the first disaster, with which, however, it could not have had the slightest connection, involved the finest temporary structure at Delhi, a large affair, capable of holding all the Native Princes and Rulers and chief officials grouped round the thrones on which Their Majesties were to be placed. The structure from the description of it must have been a most costly and beautiful one; and formed a feast of colour and splendour hardly to be equalled. It had been lent by the Bhawalpur Durbar, was regarded as the finest in India, and was insured for a lakh and a half of rupees. In less than five minutes all this beauty and magnificence was reduced to a heap of vile-smelling burning canvas, and all the glory and the brilliant colour lay a heap of smouldering ashes in the broad sunlight; a regret and a sorrow to all those desirous of seeing the Durbar carried out in due pomp and circumstance. In this fire neither explosives nor electricity played any part, so a different reason had to be sought. There was no fire, and no lights to account for it; but the pavilion was being finally prepared for the reception of Their Majesties, and loose straw lay about and persons were said to be smoking inside the pavilion and so a lighted match dropped or the ubiquitous bits would explain the whole thing. It would seem that extraordinary fire precautions have been taken, but the suddenness of these conflagrations prevented anything being done in the matter.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post Office will be open on Sunday next, the 7th inst., from 8 a.m. till noon for the delivery of parcels received by the incoming English Mail.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended—Hupai, Szechuan, Lunan, K'ichow and Tongteh.

A Mail will close for—

Fort Bayard—Per American, 6th Jan., 8 a.m.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar—Per Tjitar, 6th Jan., 10 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Laising, 6th Jan., 10 a.m.

Pakhoi and Hsiangshui—Per Hongkong, 6th Jan., 10 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TICTORIN—(Late Letters 11 a.m. tomorrow. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted for all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 3rd Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per December 6th Jan., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Wing-sang, 6th Jan., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 6th Jan., 11 a.m.

English Mail.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Wing-sang, 6th Jan., 11 a.m.

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Siberian Mail.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Wing-sang, 6th Jan., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 6th Jan., 11 a.m.

Swatow and Del—Per Johannes, 6th Jan., 5 p.m.

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Shanghai—Per Wai-hing, 7th Jan., 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 8th Jan., 11 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Hongkong, 8th Jan., 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Hainan, 9th Jan., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Japan, 9th Jan., noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 9th Jan., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Kailong, 9th Jan., 3 p.m.

Tientsin, Weifoo and Chifoo—Per Kailong, 9th Jan., 3 p.m.

Manila, Macassar, Bala and Cebu—Per Zafiro, 10th Jan., 3 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Empire, 10th Jan., 10 a.m.

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Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow—Per Hsiangshui, 11th Jan., 10 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Chien, 11th Jan., 3 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per A'apar, 12th Jan., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Hiohoku and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Korea, 12th Jan., 11 a.m.

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Catania, Cheribon, Samarang, and Sourabaya—Per Tjiboda, 16th Jan., 11 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Iyo-maru, 16th Jan., 5 p.m.

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Yawata-maru, 17th Jan., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Namsang, 19th Jan., 11 a.m.

Australia Mail.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Lancaster, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Kuman Maru, 19th Jan., 11 a.m.

Canada Mail.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.)—Per Empress of India, 26th Jan., 5 p.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Asahi Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,825, Nakan, 4th Jan.—Dairen 29th Dec. Coal—M. B. K.

Atsuyama, Br. s.s., 4,000, J. W. Road, 4th Jan.—Liverpool 21st Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Daiya Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,785, K. Kobayashi, 27th Dec.—Wakamatsu 21st Dec. Coal—M. B. K.

Dorwest, Br. s.s., 1,562, J. Jenknet, 31st Dec.—Swallow 30th Dec. Gen.—Man Fat & Co.

Henry Wadsworth, Br. s.s., 1,471, Gen. G. G. G. 1st Jan.—Singapore 26th Dec. Bulk oil—A. P. & Co.

Hong Hai, Chli. s.s., 2,056, Kingdon, 4th Jan.—Singapore 29th Dec. Gen.—Joo Tek Seng.

Hongkong, Br. s.s., 733, Corandine, 4th Jan.—Haiphong 31st Dec., and Pakhoi 2nd Jan. Rice and Gen.—A. R. Marry.

Hopson, Br. s.s., 1,330, J. M. Hay, 31st Dec.—Hongkong 23rd Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Indra, Br. s.s., 2,842, J. M. Hay, 1st Jan.—Hongkong 11th Dec., and Pakhoi 2nd Jan. Rice and Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Iohanna, Ger. s.s., 982, M. J. Plank, 4th Jan.—Haiphong 30th Dec., and Hainan 2nd Jan. Rice and Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Kailong, Br. s.s., 2,927, J. V. Sidford, 22nd Dec.—Cebu, Hainan and Manila 18th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Kinkiang, Br. s.s., 1,328, Robertson, 4th Jan.—Canton 3rd Jan. Gen.—B. & S.

Korea, Am. s.s., 5,651, J. W. Fisher, 2nd Jan.—San Francisco via Ports 6th Dec. Mail and Gen.—P. M. S. Co.

Lai Sang, Br. s.s., 2,225, E. J. Todd, 2nd Jan.—Canton 15th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Locke, Ger. s.s., 1,020, W. Tombo, 29th Dec. Coal—B. & S.

Loock, Ger. s.s., 1,011, G. Schultzen, 1st Jan.—Bangkok 24th Dec. Rice—B. & S.

Loyal, Br. s.s., 3,376, R. Clever, 29th Dec.—Liverpool and Singapore 23rd Dec. Gen.—D. & Co.

Pitanehok, Ger. s.s., 1,907, D. R. R. 1st Jan.—Bangkok 23rd Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Prometheus, Br. s.s., 3,562, J. P. Williamson, 30th Dec.—Shanghai 27th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Rajahm, Br. s.s., 1,104, C. Wall, 1st Jan.—Singapore 24th Dec. and Hainan 31st Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Tjitar, Dutch s.s., 3,660, P. Zwart, 3rd Jan.—Moji 29th Dec. Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Triumph, Ger. s.s., 763, W. Langschwager, 30th Dec.—Haiphong 29th Dec. Ballast—J. & Co.

Ugita, Br. s.s., 2,733, W. T. G. 3rd Jan.—Fremantle 12th Dec., and Swallow—J. M. & Co.

Varg, Nor. s.s., 874, H. Rasmussen, 2nd Jan.—Cebu 27th Dec. Beans.

Winchow, Br. s.s., 560, W. R. Sloyer, 1st Jan.—Canton 31st Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Westfield, Nor. s.s., 1,175, P. O. 29th Dec.—Singapore 24th Dec. Gen.—C. & S. N. & Co.

Wing Sang, Br. s.s., 1,275, T. H. Fishman, 21st Dec.—Haiphong 11th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Yashima, Br. s.s., 1,241, S. J. Payne, 31st Dec.—Canton 30th Dec. Ballast—J. M. & Co.

Yong-sung, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. R. 1st Jan.—Canton 29th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

SHIPPING NEWS.

MAIL BOX.

English—Delta, 6th inst.

German—Globe, 11th inst.

American—China, 28th inst.

The s.s. "Star" left Port of Sound left Tacoma on the 1st inst., for Hongkong and Moji via Japan Ports.

The Mogul Line s.s. Lennox left United Kingdom on the 23rd ult., for Hongkong, and for East via the Straits.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Monticello arrived at Moji at 9 a.m., yesterday, and left again at midnight same day, for Yokohama, where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m. on the 6th inst.

ARRIVALS.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,340, C. E. Page, 4th Jan.—Saigon 30th Dec. Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Salstad, Nor. s.s., 897, Melman, 4th Jan.—Pakhoi 2nd Jan. Ballast—T. & Co.

Tjitar, Dutch s.s., 2,444, A. Olden, 4th Jan.—Singapore 26th Dec. Sugar and Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Devanla, Br. s.s., 4,785, W. R. F. Hickey, 6th Jan.—Shanghai 2nd Jan. Silk and Gen.—P. & C. S. N. Co.

Tenn, Br. s.s., 1,316, A. W. Outerbridge, 5th Jan.—Manila 2nd Jan. Gen.—B. & S.

Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 899, J. Yamaguchi, 6th Jan.—Swatow 4th Jan. Gen.—O. S. K.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940, E. Bretham, 5th Jan.—Vancouver 14th Dec., and Shanghai 2nd Jan. Mail and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Taishan, Chli. s.s., 1,216, R. G. Paramore, 5th Jan.—Canton 4th Jan. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,211, F. M. S. N. Co., 5th Jan.—Canton 4th Jan. Gen.—B. & S.

Ashtabul, Br. s.s., 4,626, Y. Harding, 5th Jan.—San Francisco, Kerosine oil—S. O. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Haikan, for Swatow.

Shibetsu-maru, for Moji.

Ulv, for Manila.

Pucampun, for Saigon.

Kaifuku-maru, for Moji.

Devanla, for Bombay via Singapore.

Varg, for Canton.

DEPARTED.